

*Approved 3/16/22*  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**Howes House Study Committee**  
**February 9, 2022 8:30 am**  
**\*Virtual meeting\***

**Present:** Skipper Manter, Jen Rand, James Klingensmith, Bethany Hammond, Kathy Logue

**Approval of Minutes:** *KL motioned to approve the minutes of 2/2/22 with minor amendments. JK seconded the motion. A roll call motion was unanimous in favor.*

Jen explained that the original cost estimate has been revised and the warrant article requesting money for the next phase would need to reflect the new estimate. Driving up the cost as a few design decisions, and the current cost of construction. She noted that the current estimate for construction was around \$4 million and the architects has asked if the Committee really wanted to spend that on the renovation when they might get more building for their money with a new build. Skipper said the town had no other site to build on. Kathy noted that the idea should be raised with the Historic District about tearing this building down. Skipper said he wasn't opposed to that. He noted the building had changed over the years and didn't retain much of the historic aspects to it. Bethany said they had photos of the building over the years she would send to everyone.

Skipper said the Committee would need to research any possible restrictions on the property such as in the deed or at a permit granting board.

*K. Logue motioned to amend the warrant article to request a total of \$523,000, of which \$100,000 would be from free cash. J. Klingensmith seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

The Committee then discussed the meeting with the Historic District. Kathy will make the presentation. The Committee hopes to have a public forum on March 24 at 5:00 pm to answer any questions people may have prior to town meeting. Jen is going to look into past permits to see if there are any conditions.

*Meeting adjourned at 9:02*

*Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator*